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The Brady Brief - Protecting Patients' Rights

Dear Friend,

On Wednesday, I voted to protect patients' rights and fought against putting insurance companies back in charge of our health care. I voted against the Patients' Rights Repeal Act because under this act, Americans would lose key new patient rights, would see their out-of-pocket health costs go up, and in some cases would lose coverage. I believe that repealing the health insurance reform bill that was signed into law last March would be devastating for those in my district and the nation as a whole.

The Patients' Rights Repeal Act would have significant consequences in our district by:

- Allowing insurance companies to deny coverage to 101,000 to 275,000 individuals, including 9,000 to 42,000 children, with pre-existing conditions
- Eliminating the requirement that health plans that are new or revised must begin providing free preventive care
- Taking away the ability of 1,800 young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plan until their 26th birthday
- Allowing insurers to, once again, place lifetime limits on coverage
- Increasing the costs of coverage for up to 5,800 early retirees
- Eliminating health care tax credits available for up to 10,200 small businesses
- Taking away the 50% discount on brand-name Rx drugs from 5,900 seniors who hit the Medicare Part D 'donut hole;' and denying free preventive care services under Medicare to 88,000 seniors
- Eliminating the ban on insurers dropping people from coverage when they get sick
- Increasing long-term debt by over \$1 trillion

Millions of Americans are already benefiting from the historic health care reform law – insurers are no longer allowed to discriminate against children and others who are sick, small businesses are receiving billions of dollars in tax credits, and seniors are saving money on prescription drugs and receiving free preventative care through Medicare. For more information about the health care law, please visit [my website](#) or www.healthcare.gov. Should you have any questions about this or any other issue, please contact me at any of my offices.

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